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FOR PROFESSOR MOORE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR

SUBJECT: ARCHIPELAGO LAND/WATER RATIOS

1. THE 28 INSULAR STATES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAVE BEEN PLOTTED AND MEASURED FOR THE ARCHIPELAGO CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE UNITED STATES DURING RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA, FIJI AND THE PHILIPPINES. WHEN THE RIGHT TO ONE UNIT IS MAINTAINED AND THE SINGLE UNIT CONTAINS THE MAJOR ISLANDS OF THE STATE, THE FOLLOWING LAND/WATER RATIOS RESULT.

2. GREATER THAN 1:1 (19):

BAHRAIN, BARBADOS, CUBA, CYPRUS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, ICELAND, IRELAND, JAPAN, MADAGASCAR, MALTA, NAURU, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, (TAIWAN), TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNITED KINGDOM, WESTERN SAMOA.

3. LESS THAN 1:1 BUT GREATER THAN 1:5 (6):

FIJI (1:3), GRENADA 1:1.7), INDONESIA (1:1.1997); JAMAICA

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(1:2.28), MALDIVES (1:2.295) -- UTILIZING "ATOLL WATERS";

1:268 WITHOUT ATOLL WATERS, PHILIPPINES (1:1.841).

4. LESS THAN 1:5 (3):

BAHAMAS (1:20), MARUITIUS (1:1,000), TONGA (1:100 PLUS).

5. PAPUA NEW GUINEA, OF COURSE, NOT YET INDEPENDENT BUT SCHEDULED. IF BISMARK SEA EXCLUDED WHICH REQUIRES TWO (2) NINETY MILE LINES, LAND/WATER RATIO IS TOO HIGH AT 1:0.66236. IF BISMARK SEA INCLUDED, LAND/WATER RATIO IS ACCEPTIBLE AT 1:1.8109.

6. IF PROVISION PERMITTING ONE CLUSTER DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT MAJOR OR PRINCIPAL ISLANDS MUST BE ENCLOSED, VIRTUALLY ALL INSULAR STATES MAY MAKE ONE CLUSTER, E.G., U.K. ORKNEYS; JAPAN, PART OF BONINS, CUBA, ISLE OF PINES. SISCO

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